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**TOBACCO INVESTIGATIONS IN OHIO.**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin of 38 pages (Bulletin No. 29, Bureau of Soils) giving an account of its experimental work in the growing of Cuban Seed Leaf tobacco in the Miami Valley. This work, conducted by the Bureau of Soils, was begun in 1902, and has extended over three seasons. The results achieved are pronounced very satisfactory. Already a considerable number of growers are producing the Cuban Seed Leaf, and indications point to a largely increased production of this type for cigar filler purposes. The production of other types of tobacco, especially the Zimmer Spanish, and Ohio Seed Leaf, is also discussed in the bulletin. The climatic and soil conditions of the tobacco-growing section in southwestern Ohio have been studied.

The bulk method of fermenting cigar leaf tobacco is fully described, and an account of its successful introduction into Ohio as a result of the Department's efforts is given. From the testimony of tobacco buyers at Dayton, Ohio, it appears that this method is rapidly displacing the older methods of fermenting or "sweating" cigar tobaccos.

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